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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

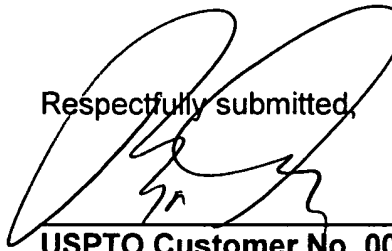
The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 4 and 7 are directed to allowable subject matter. By this amendment, claims 1, 6 and 13-22 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant submits that amended claims 4 and 7, now written in independent form, are in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 3, 5, and 8-12 depend from, or, where necessary, have been amended to depend from, one of claims 4 or 7, and, for at least this reason, as well as the additional elements included therein, are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favourable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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